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FLORIDA REPEATER COUNCIL REPORT: Stromberg Appeals FRC Decision; More Machines Fire Up On Bands

By Howard Kelley, K4DSN

Chalmers Stromberg, W4WLX-WR4AEL is seeking a special meeting of the Florida Repeater Council to appeal the council's decision which recommended WR4AEL vacate 146.22-146.82 and seek another channel pair. The FRC decision came as a result of arbitration after WR4AEL and the Gainesville ARC's WR4ACE asked for a hearing because of mutual interference problems on 22-82.

At press-time Stromberg was awaiting the required number of votes from members of the Board of Directors to call for the special meeting.

REPEATER NEWS:

Orlando has another new

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EX CALLS

Here are some more EX-CALLS. Have you sent in yours? Editor.

K4CV ex 3NF.
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K4KUU ex W7VTJ.
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AMSAT-OSCAR News

By W4DWN

As of this date, the first of November, Amsat-Oscar 7 is sitting ready for launch at the Western Test Range launch site in California. Delay was caused by troubles in the launch vehicles power cables. By the time this was repaired the launch site was taken over by the Air Force for a launch of their own. November 13th was set as the next launch date. By the time this is read Oscar 7 should be in orbit and open for business.

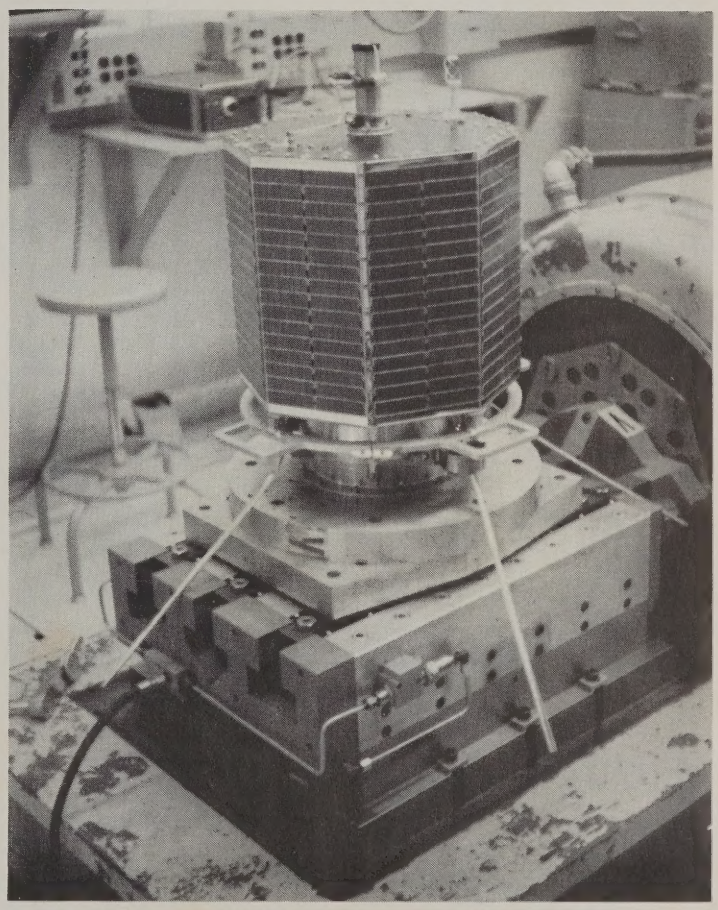
Oscar 7 will be launched one half orbit behind Oscar 6 and will have an almost identical orbital period and inclination as Oscar 6. There is a possibility that in future months the two satellites will drift closer to one another and there might be a possibility of making contact from one satellite to another. A very intriguing possibility!

The repeater ON DAYS for Oscar 7 are: for the two to ten meter repeater — Sun., Tue., Fri. GMT and for the 70 cm to two meter repeater — Thurs. and Saturday GMT. Monday and Wednesday are recharge or rest days. Please note that the Oscar 6 schedule will remain the same as it was.

With Amsat-Oscar 7 in orbit many stations who have been preparing for months are operating full swing. Many stations in the Caribbean area are operating thru Oscar 7. Possible contacts from Miami and Florida via the satellites are XE1XA, XE1TU, TI2WD, TI2CF, KZ5IT, HC2YL-OM, HK3CPW, HK3CMI, HK5MO, YV1AQE, VP2KH, VP2MKH, PJ9JT, PY2CSS, PY2PU, ZP9AY, LU7FA, and LU9MA. This is to the South. North and East there are the Europeans and North Africa with Canada and all the States. There is no lack of stations to contact. For Amsat members WA1EHF will handle all QSLs destined for outside the U.S. for five cents a card.

If you folks are interested in satellites and want to participate, contact AMSAT PO Box 27 Washington, D.C. 20044. Anyone can join, you do not have to be a Ham.

Walt Dixon
Amsat 1184



HERE IS AMSAT-OSCAR 7 getting a vibration test. The 2304 MHz quadrifilar antenna furnished by RCA can be seen at the top. If all goes well Seven should be up and operating by the time you read this. To join and more info write AMSAT, Box 27, Washington, D.C. 20044. (Photo via W3GEY)

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APOLOGIES to K4GT, WB4NAK, WA4ZZG, K4SCL, W5JJ and WB-4CBP. Sorry fellows we ran out of space due to the nice increase in advertising this month. Will publish your fine articles in future issues. —Thanks, editor.

letters *to the editor*

Dear Editor:

Didn't mean to cold shoulder the invitation to subscribe to Florida Skip, i.e., the July copy of the mag; in fact, the magazine disappeared until today.

Noticed that an ED HAMMOND, Delray Beach, was mentioned in the MARS column on page 4. Wonder if Jim Wilson can verify if the chap is, or was, RCA station manager of WIM, Chatham, Mass. An Ed Hammond was my operations officer, at Truk, E.C.I., when I was Director of Communications for the Trust Territory. So many of my former associates and friends have moved down here on retirement. (See EX-CALLS).

I'm not on the air, although I have a complete station in storage, due to the lack of space and other conditions both here and aboard the family cruiser, a 32-footer, at Dania. Every time I see WB4INC's quad array, I go into the doldrums (he's one block over from here). Being retired, I have considerable time on my hands, too!

About five years ago, I drove down here from D.C. with an 80-watt GE Master, courtesy GE, in my car. VHF-FM was empty space all the way until I approached Jacksonville. From there on down to Miami, I had QSO's without fail, both day and night. At Jacksonville, in fact, I believe that they had someone monitoring the frequency 24 hours a day. Some of the chaps even arranged an eyeball QSO. Unlike in California where, as KC6UZ doing a spot on home-leave, I was practically booed out of a meeting of the local hams. Seems they considered me some sort of a nut, since they had heard that KC6UZ was a dark brown native who wore a G-string and ate raw fish. My license was no proof, especially since I had signed my own license as issuing officer. Finally had to visit Henry Radio to find out who I was!

The FLORIDA SKIP is a fine piece of professional journalism. The format is excellent, a far cry from many of the ham publications I've seen.

73,
Carl J. Kunz, WA4IEW,
71 N.W. 190 St.
Miami, FL 33169

Enclosed you will find $5.00 for my two year subscription. I enjoy your magazine very much!

Am now operating mobile from the Zephyrhills-Tampa area with a new Swan MB 40-A solid state. Weighing only six pounds, it's hard to believe the reports I've been receiving from all over the country. When I park, it's out of the car and in the trunk in 10 seconds, and also the Hustler 40 with Quik-disconnect.

We've only lived here a year, moving down from the old QTH of Ilion, N.Y., and call ex K2BSC, but we enjoy our "ham" activities, and all the nice fellows we've had the pleasure of "ragchewing" with from both the mobile and fixed rigs. Keep up the good work on a real top notch, informative magazine.

73,
Jim Younglove, K4JQL
Zephyrhills, Fla.

Dear Mr. Clark:
OK Andy . . . you're on.

I refer you to your letter reply on page 14 of the September Florida Skip, wherein your answer to Bill Howard was "anyone else looking for help or a job, let me

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GUEST EDITORIAL

AMATEUR RADIO WORLD POPULATION

By Andy Anderson, K0NL

The figures used in the following article were taken from the April 1974 issue of Amateur Radio (Australia).

What country of the world would you say had the most amateur radio licensees? Most of you would immediately say the U.S. because it has been that way so long, but you would be wrong. The country having the most amateur radio licensees is Japan, not the U.S.

The United States has approximately 265,000 amateurs, and there has been very little change in that number for a number of years. In the middle of the year 1971, licensees in Japan reached that number, and the number has been increasing ever since, now totaling approximately 350,000 amateurs. The rate is thus about 8,000 per year.

The difference seems to be the popularity of the 4th class license, as it is called there, which is a low power, all phone, all band license. The result is that in Japan, 86 percent of the licensees are novices, whereas in the U.S. only about 10 percent hold the Novice license.

Not until May of 1973 were 2 meter repeaters permitted, and the use of SSTV.

Perhaps it is significant that Japan has no reciprocal licensing agreement with any country, and it does not appear that it is interested or concerned at this time.

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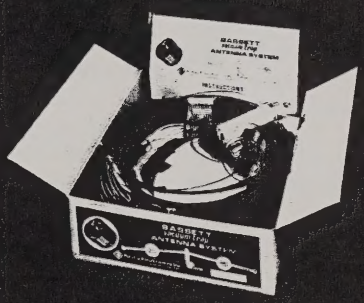

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FLORIDA REPEATER

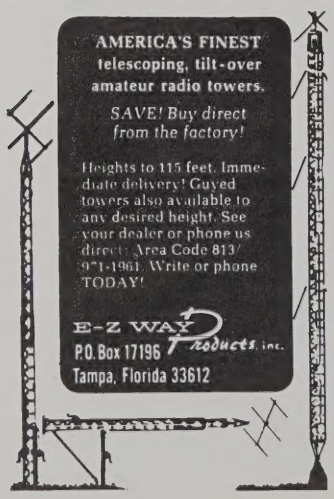
(Continued from page 1)

repeater ... WR4AJC on 34-94. It's 34-94 neighbor in Daytona Beach (WR4ADC) is currently off the air while moving to a new site and straightening out some internal problems which will include a new trustee. The Daytona-Orlando Repeater System is about to go into operation ... it involves linked repeaters in both cities ... i.e. WR4AER 72-12 and pending Daytona machine on 75-15.

Other new machines include ... Jacksonville Beach 25-85 ... Ocala 01-61 with a directional antenna to offer some protection to Fernandina Beach on same channel ... WR4AIS is 10-70 in West Palm Beach area ... WR4AIT is at same place but on 444.75-449.75 ... Pensacola now has WR4AIW on 25-85 ... Miami's 90-30 is now WR4AIY ... look for New Port Richey on 07-67 and Haines City 01-61 ... Belle Glade 37-97 still waiting for WR and on that same channel and also waiting is Clearwater...

ON THE CIRCUIT BOARD: West Palm's WR4AFM (28-88) is the first repeater in the state to install 911 emergency dialing which is a prime element in the FRC's ARGUS Emergency Repeater Plan ... Melbourne WB4KBG may be still waiting for it's WR-call but it's not sitting on folded hands — new DyComm repeater is being installed at an improved location. Look for WR4AEE putting out a signal from that same neighborhood ... Gainesville WR4ACE is giving serious thought to a second repeater on a "split" channel (15 kHz) ... Cush-Craft people very courteous to Jax WR4AAF is helping to design phased antenna array for receiver installation on TV tower ... Most Florida repeaters using a secondary input of .34 have dropped them as per FRC phase out recommendation ... NW Fla. FM Association WR4ABZ has merged with Playground ARC.

Are you involved with a repeater group or are planning one? You can get on the FRC mailing list for its publication — the LINK by writing to Florida Repeater Council, 6563 Sapphire Drive, Jacksonville, Fl., 32208.



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We are paying for 2nd Class mail but feel we are getting "junk mail" service! — Dade County members, please call Mrs. Bonnie Manganello at 350-5733 and give her your full name and address and she will attempt to find out where the stage coach is breaking down . . . Thanks. . . AC.

AIR FORCE MARS

By WB4BND-AFC4BND

Recently, I mentioned the way the various civilian jobs were rotated. Such is the case with the region library. John, AFW4DNU, has passed the reins to AFW4LHJ, Wilbur George, 1731 Country Club Drive, Tullahoma, Tenn. 37388.

Propagation is beginning to show signs of the sun spot low point. The net freq. is beginning to lengthen out during the last half of net time. When the freq. doesn't propagate less than 500 miles, it makes for many relays. It will probably get worse. I suggest you get your traffic into the net early to avoid this. Perhaps we will have another useable freq. before Christmas with its huge volume of traffic. If not, we may have trouble passing it all before the freq. goes out completely. Since daylight savings time is over for the year, perhaps an hour earlier starting time for the net might avoid this.

ARMY MARS ONE

By Elmer T. Kusluch
K4IZT-ABM4IZT

Changes continue to pour forth from Headquarters at Fort MAC, but at a much slower pace than heretofore, and most of them are administrative and have little or no effect on the general membership. The exception to this, is the change concerning "Exercise Messages". No longer will we hear "I spell" ZYXWV, figure 24680, Mars Exercise. The most recent ruling is that exercise messages passed on voice nets, must use common language and contain a meaning. CW nets & RTTY nets may continue using nonsense coded groups. In any event, exercise messages are no longer to be recorded on your SIG-81 card.

Concerning SIG-81 cards, remember, they are the only official record of your participation. If you don't send it in, you receive NO participation credit, regardless of your activity on the MARS program. We have been receiving approximately 70 percent return on the cards, and that is far from being satisfactory.

NAVY MARS
South Florida

By Jim Wilson N0WCK-W4GDK

Quite often this correspondent gets a call or a letter from a new reader of the column. His contact puts him in touch with Navy MARS in So. Fla. Some are new hams. Others are from other parts of the country.

These applicants are pleased to learn that our Area Coordinator has on hand perhaps six Navy MARS calls available for issue to new members at once, if they seem qualified. Each call carries a "T" on the end — such as N0ABC-T. This indicates it is Temporary.

After several years of fine service, Bill Kibbe N0EXU of Clearwater, has resigned as Administrative Assistant to our Area Coordinator, John Clark N0GAL. His place is being filled by Bill Noel N0UTE of Lantana whose lovely wife, Trudy N0UTD will doubtless be of great help to Bill. His call will be N0GAL-1.

N0BRB, Dave Daird, one of our anchor men over on Andros Island in the Bahamas, entered the recent International ham DX contest as VP7DF.

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STATE Q.C.W.A. NEWS

Edited by Lew Sieck, K4NE

CITRUS CHAPTER — The host Chapter is justly proud and happy that the National Convention turned out to be the biggest and best in history, according to a concensus of the Officers, Directors and guests. Thanks to all who contributed their time and talents to make it an outstanding success. It is rumored that George Sperry, W4UKA, Chairman of the Fla. QCWA Council, put over 1500 miles on his car between Ocala and Oralndo, in coordinating the affair. Chalmers Stromberg, W4WLX, General Chairman of the Convention, spent more time at Howard Johnson than at his Chief Engineers job at WDBO!

EVERGLADES CHAPTER — Meeting held Nov. 2nd at Sweden House with 40 present including guests. Chapter was honored in having National QCWA President, Frank Gunther, W2ALS and National Treasurer, Mark Devaney, K4IDC, in attendance. The former presented a 50-year award to Distinguished Member W4CU Ralph J. Renton of Falls Church, Va. At the next meeting, scheduled for same place Dec. 7, there will be the Annual election of officers, etc. Reported by Irv Weston, K4NA.

GATOR CHAPTER — Regular meeting held at Sweden House, Clearwater on Nov. 2nd with 102 members and guests present. Members were gratified that Chapter Secretary, W4GQ - "Dave" Davis was recognized at the National Convention with an award from Frank Gunther for Exceptional Service. Of the dozen such awards presented by QCWA worldwide to date, the Gator Chapter has received two, the first going to Hal Bates, WA4FIU. The nominating committee slated Russ Chappell, W8NC-4 for President, Bob Conaughty, K4OQ for Vice-President, Art Monsees, K4QG for Treasurer, and Dave Davis, W4GQ for Secretary. Now there is a full two-letter slate of officers! As usual, there were no nominations from the floor. George Sperry, W4UKA made a plea for support of the Sunday QCWA Net by furnishing NCS but little enthusiasm was shown. In contrast, the suggestion was made that we have an annual Convention in Fla., perhaps the next one in the Bay Area (Tampa, St. Pete, or Clearwater).

SOUTHEAST CHAPTER — Regular meeting scheduled for October was cancelled due to the National Convention. Tape recordings were made of the banquet speeches by W4GJ. Any chapters or members interested in dubbing the 3 and ¾ in-sec. tape into cassette form may borrow the master from Walt Kinney Frank Reiner, W4JVR, the official photographer of the Convention, has numerous photographs of attendees. Those interested in copies get in touch with Frank (address is Conv. Program). Next meeting of the chapter is scheduled for Wed., Nov. 27th, same place. Reported by Walt Kinney, W4GJ.

SPACEPORT CHAPTER — The nominating committee chairmaned by Les Griner, K4SJC will present the 1975 slate of officers at the next luncheon meeting on Nov. 23rd. The chapter holds an on-the-air meeting Sunday evenings 7 to 8 P.M. using the Merritt Island repeater (28-88). All members with 2-meter gear are encouraged to check in. After reviewing the chapter's expenses for the past year, a reduction in dues from $3. to $1. per year has been recommended. Now how about that! Anyone opposed? The members now receive a monthly Newsletter.

SUNCOAST CHAPTER — Regular meeting held Nov. 6th at the Windjammer, Sarasota with 79 members and guests attending. So many no-shows that the Chapter must raise its dues to $2. beginning 1975. (Ed's note - Why not require the no-shows to pay in advance for the next two meetings? Other chapters have found this is more fair to the general membership than making them pay for the no-shows!). Art Miligan, W8KW-4, National Director, explained that QCWA will soon be classified as a "scientific and educational organization" which will make it eligible for "non-profit" tax benefits. The chapter voted unanimously to confer Honorary Membership on Fred Schnell, W4CF, the first ham to span the Atlantic with his signals over 50 years ago. The nominating committee slated K4ISG, Jim Balmer for President, K4GSL, Morris Brown for Secy., and K4WR, Dale Donner for Treasurer.

SUWANNEE CHAPTER — The Installation Dinner at the National Convention was a big success with 80 in attendance. Officers for the coming year are Hal Sturm, W4UCF, President; Ken Cox, W4FYE, Vice-Pres.; Ted Gormsen, W4SZ was reinstalled as Treasurer; Mac McCullough, W4WWH will repeat as Secretary; and Larry Garland, W4LIN and George Sperry, W4UKA will fill out the Executive Committee. Tony Bernard, W4BRZ will serve as Net Manager. After two years of persistent effort, we want to recognize with gratitude our outgoing President, Carl Coleman, K4WJ. It was he who two years ago mailed out invitations to many hams in Northern Fla. where no chapter existed.

TREASURE COAST CHAPTER — Again no report. (Note to K4QM: Are you fellows just "coasting" or are you doing something you don't want us to hear about?)

WEST PALM BEACH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC., W4HAW

By W4BRB

It's Final! It's Official! WPB-ARC, with a first-in-Florida (and fourth in the nation) FD effort, has retired the SKIP trophy. Interested spectators will be treated to a final peek at the Holy Grail when it is presented (for the third and last time!) at Miami's up-coming Hamboree after which a trip to West Palm will be required for additional viewing. (Question: what do we do now for an encore?). . . .

"Congrats!" to Glenn, WB4TIN, whose secretly-acquired Advanced showed up whilst no one was looking and to Doug, WB4TIO, now retired and able to spend all of his time hamming and fishing instead of just most of it. . . .

Our study classes continue thrice-weekly, enthusiasm is high, new calls are imminent (FCC please note!) and the club looks forward to the annual December Xmas party (locals please note!), after which it will look forward to the 1975 Florida QSO Party.

CLEARWATER AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

By Don Lindsay, K4HNJ

To open, one of our members, Al Stewart, W4SHU, is in Tampa General Hospital for some pretty serious surgery. No information was available on Al's condition. George Imre, W4TTG, is on the C.A.R.S. morning net after a long absence.

Sincere apologies to those of you who searched the band for the C.A.R.S. on October 31, Nov. 1, & 2, for our annual exhibition at Sunshine Mall in Clearwater. As you know articles for Florida Skip are written one month in advance and the exhibition was moved to Nov. 7, 8, & 9, at the last minute. Hope you all found us!

BROWARD A.R.C.

By Jim Wilson, W4GDK

Having had rather poor communication by a previous group, BARC was requested to provide communication for this year's Cerebral Palsy Walk-A-Thon on Saturday Nov. 2.

This we did with Tony Urbizu, WB4TED in charge. He got 9 mobiles ready with 11 members involved and assigned them to certain Check Points on the 20 mile march. Altho our repeater was acting up somewhat, our contacts with H.Q. at Holiday Park were almost perfect. When food supplies or help for a marcher was needed we got thru quickly.

Our regular meetings are held on the second Friday of each month, 7:30 P.M. at the Florida Power and Light Co. Bldg., 501 So. Andrews Ave., Ft. Lauderdale. Please use parking and door in rear. Visitors are welcome.

HOLLYWOOD AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

By Minnie Levine, WA4RLS

Christmas at Williamson's features the installation of officers, awards and a roast beef dinner. New club officers for 1975 are Jack Kressel WA4FMS, president; Bob Knight WN4HOC, vice president; Al Van Leewan WB4DID Comm. officer; Leon Teetor WN4TJM corresponding sect., and Dan Walker WB4SSP recording sect. From the quality of the slate it looks like a good year ahead.

New faces appear at each meeting. We are happy to welcome Mike Abrams W4LZK, Bill Levisay WB4YFU, Joe Saunders K4GNP, Mabel Snow WA4KXG, and Art Snow WB8PRV. Guest speakers at the last two meetings were club members. John Bay, K4TT on Oscar 6 and Vic Edmondson W4MYF on the flight recorder. Our auctioneer Jack Goldstein K4EGN sounded like a pro at the fall auction.

NEWS NOTES FROM THE KEYS

By Steve McCallum, K4URX

Home from the high seas is merchant ship Radio Officer Carlo Marsano, WB4AJV. Carlo is trustee for the Key West club station W4LLO — now set up at the Civil Defense emergency operations center.

Club members will participate with Miami mobiles in the annual October Simulated Emergency Test — commonly known in ham circles as the "SET". Several mobiles volunteered to standby at emergency shelters in Key West and the Lower keys: WB4RJK, WA4EFB, K8CQK-4 and K4GYV. Plans call for a fleet of 25 mobiles from Miami to ride down into the keys, and make contact with Key West stations.

Civil Defense communications plans call for a somewhat extensive network of facilities — such as fully-equipped stations in Key West, Marathon and Plantation Key; antenna installations at suitable high shelter buildings; a possible 6-meter net of mobiles from equipment scheduled to be surplus from the sheriff's department.

The Drake TR-4 now installed by civil defense is operated weekly. At the last session, K4URX held a half-hour CW contact with a station in New York State on 40 meters.

NORTHERN FLORIDA NEWS

By Frank M. Butler Jr., W4RKH

WB4NHH and WB4BSZ had 100 percent QNI on NFPN this month; K4ELH, WA4FBI, WB4PAV and WB4UPJ earned Net Certificates. D4RN meets at 2200 GMT on 7235 KHz and needs Fla. reps. WB4GHU is GN Gator of the Month. W4BYG, ex-Ga. SCM, moved to Jacksonville.

Pensacola has two new repeaters — WR4AIK and WR4AIW. WB4SKI made BPL this month. WA4CAD had high Section score in VHF-QSO Party. Tallahassee, Panama City, Fort Walton & Pensacola were represented at a meeting of NW Fla. repeater groups. WA4FAX and W1JQQ-4 have strong 2m signals from Panama City.

New officers of the Tallahassee ARC are WA4BJG, President; WB4EWQ and WB4VDL. W4HMO, W4FRQ, W4RUF and WB4UPJ are working at the State CD Center; antennas are still going up at the new location. WA4KXL is now on 75m SSB & RTTY from Tallahassee; WB4LBT is on 2m FM from Bristol. WA4SIB upgraded from Conditional to Advanced. K4BDY held open house during Apalachicola Seafood Festival.

SOUTH FLORIDA F.M. ASSN.

By Reid S. Edles, WA4IKT

Well, the winter season is rapidly approaching and with it comes updates in our association. We have just received our new solid state transmitter for the University site. It will be running a hundred watts and will greatly improve the signal over the present sixty watt transmitter.

Our new repeater directory is now out along with our suggested repeater operating procedures manual. If any out of town ham would like a copy of our latest directory please send 20c postage to the South Florida F.M. Assn. at P.O. Box 430025, Miami, Fla. 33143. Your copy will be mailed out.

SKIP'S TRAVELING REPORTER

By James R. Strange, WB4AXF

Activities in Florida have picked up to a great extent in the past summer months on our repeaters and while traveling around we have noticed that the number of HAMS seem to be increasing also.

Recently in Albany, Georgia on a business trip I was fortunate to be able to get back to K4RKV in St. Petersburg (Gulfport), Florida while mobile and held a conversation thru the Gainesville repeater and the Albany Repeater for about thirty minutes. Sure makes one feel right at home.

Visited with the repeater association members in Valdosta, Georgia recently and was brought up to date on their new repeater which they have just acquired including a tower, transceiver rack mounted, and other niceities. Most unusual is their ONE antenna for the

repeater, using the same antenna to recieve as well as transmit, being homebrew, and it works 100 percent all the time. No troubles at all. A nice bunch of HAMS.

We are proud to announce that we are in the working stages of a new repeater for Lake Wales, Winter Haven, Lakeland, Bartow, Haines City and Davenport for 2 meters. This will fulfill a need for all Hams who are traveling between Orlando and Tampa as this missing link area has been void for some time.

NORTH FLORIDA AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

By Jeff Thomas, WB4SCA

The December meeting of NOFARS will not be held at the First Presbyterian Church, instead we will have our annual Christmas banquet which will be at Ireland's, a very fine restaurant on Beach Blvd. The banquet will be on Dec. 12 and admission is by advance reservation. For ticket information call W4ZTW Bob Gorman.

W7VTJ Maxine Dixon, XYL of W7EM-4 Jim Dixon, has received her new call, she is now K4KUU. We will be holding a contest at the Nov. meeting for the best idea for phonetics for her new call.

Results of the recently held homebrew contest were not too surprising. The beautifully built two meter transverter and antenna tuner submitted by WB4ANW Quint Kellums took first prize. Second place went to W4JWG Don Webber.

ST. PETERSBURG AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

By Lew Sieck, K4NE

Regular meeting held Nov. 1 at Red Cross Headquarters Bldg., St. Pete with 46 members and 8 guests attending. Membership saddened to hear that Paul McComas, K4AGA had become a Silent Key, but pleased to hear that Morgan McSheehy, W4SEA and Betty Cox, WA4FNX were home and recovering from hospitalization.

The nominating committee presented the slate of officers for 1975 and there were some nominations from the floor. Results of election will be announced next month. The program featured a slide presentation by two members of the Clearwater RC with a taped synchronized commentary on the PQ8IDX DX-pedition to the island of St. Maarten. The pictures of the Dutch and also the French portions of the island were superb, really professional quality, and the commentary by Dee Gooch, W4JIK and his brother Roger Gooch, WB4JDX who conducted the suitcase "mini-dxpedition" was extremely interesting. SPARC is grateful for this excellent presentation and would like to hear from others on similar expenditions.

THE FLORIDA SIDEBANDERS ASSOCIATION

By Lee L. Kanarian, K4WXS

It is very close to election time, and nominations are to be presented before the Second Sunday in December. If the Committee should contact you, we hope you will be willing to take the responsibility of some office; FSSA must have capable people at the helm and we know there are many such among the members. The duties of the Association should not be carried by the same ones over and over again. Let's give a helping hand to those trying to get us back on our feet!

At a recent meeting, the membership voted an increase in dues to $2.00 per year, to have sufficient in the Treasury to defray all expenses. Your money should go to W4JQ, Tony Litschauer, 627 Avenida Alegre, West Palm Beach 33405, before the end of the year. Deadline is Jan. 31. There will be no other notices — the cost would be too great.

SARASOTA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

By Cathy Soehl, W4BAV-ARNS

SARA meeting Oct. 15th featured a talk on model airplanes and boats, by WB4KVK, Herb Hofer. K4YXZ, Bob Spaulding had a model of the American Class Sailing Yacht, built to scale. On display were tug boats, speed boats, helicopters and various planes, built and operated by the boys. An Eastman Kodak film, obtained by Herb Hofer, showed old planes, used in the war, dropping bombs, etc., that are still used at an annual meet in N.J., after which is a model plane competition. Ten members of the Sarasota Flying Club were present with a model helicopter built from scratch and flown.

Due to the lack of ham gear outlet in Sarasota, SARA is setting up a non-profit service whereby those having gear to sell or buy, may call one of the officers, who will endeavor to assist them. List of availalbe equipment, etc., will be kept on hand and brought up at each meeting.

Welcome to new member: WN4FWT, Willard "Wink" Mason; also congrats to Scott Wheeler, new general call WA4KVK, previously WN4YVA.

FLORIDORA YLS

By Cathy Soehl, W4BAV-ARNS

W7VTJ-4, Maxine has received her modified call which is K4KUU.

Floridoras attending the QCWA-National Convention, Orlando, were: WB4AUR, Thelma; WN4IWM, Lou; K4KUU, Maxine; WB4ZPU, Alice, and W4BAV, Cathy. WB4AUR, Thelma won a Dynamic Snif-It and W4BAV, Cathy a year's subscription to Worldradio News. Cathy was also happy to see K4LMB, Ethel Smith, founder and first President of YLRL and now Executive Secretary of QCWA-Nat'l., whom she had not seen since YLRL Convention in 1968.

WB4WPZ, Martha, President, requests suggestions on your preference of location to hold our annual luncheon-meeting, as we must make reservations early, as well as preparations. She also reminds all of the Xmas Party, at her QTH, Dec. 1st and hopes the OMs will come also.

TARC NEWS

By Frank Shannon, K4GT

Our meeting of October 21st, was really a field-trip visit to the transmitter site of Tampa's TV Channel 13, WTVT, located near Balm, Florida. John Knott, WTVT, Engineer in charge, received the TARC group and gave them a conducted tour of the facilities, which was greatly appreciated by those attending. Although this trip occurred on a regular meeting night, no business meeting matters were discussed. Thanks to Jim Bingham, Program Committee, for this WTVT visit arrangements.

Armin Smith, our Prexy, presided at our meeting on November 4th. TARC members were pleased that Armin has recovered from recent illness, and now is back in full reins. Matters discussed at this meeting included TARC's annual Xmas-Dinner meeting to take place December

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EDISON NET CHANGES FREQUENCY

By Bill C. Willmot, K4JPF

The Thomas A. Edison Chapter (SWP) C.W. net has shifted its primary frequency from 7095 khz to 7070 khz. The net will continue to meet each Sunday at 1900 hours GMT (2:00 p.m. local time).

For those interested, the net starts out with the Chapter's Chief Operator, W4WNY, sending the Weekly Net Bulletin. Bulletins are sent out between 18-20 wpm and contain the names, addresses and calls of new members, silent keys, changes in address, etc. In addition, special items of interest are also sent.

Upon completion of sending the net bulletin, SWP stations are requested to check in and pass on any items of interest or information. All SWP members are invited to copy the weekly bulletins and to check in when time permits.

FLORIDA MIDDAY TRAFFIC NET

By Al Suhr, WB4AID

Thought it might be nice to make a little profile of personalities of recent new members. When one is handy on the NET, questions are asked — here are some of the answers by W4ESH. Leland S. "Lee" Denning was born in Brooklyn fifty-eight years ago and went from Columbia University in 1939 to Brewster Aircraft Co. Was commissioned in the U.S. Navy as an Ensign during 1941. Lee took post graduate work at the Naval Academy in Annapolis and graduated with a degree in Electronics Engineering. He retired from the Navy in 1961 and, later became a consultant for North American Engineering Co. and Vice President and General Manager for NAECO Associates. He is a Senior Member of IEEE. Lee's hobbies include sailing and amateur radio. He is EC of Collier County where he works with the Collier County A.R.C. in an effort to develop new novice amateurs in traffic handling and other public service operations.

Am happy to report that Mac, W4FPC, is back on FMTN after throat surgery. He is presently using CW and we all hope he will be back on voice soon. Mac is an inspiration to all of us. We certainly look forward to his full recovery.

During October the following stations were added to the FMTN roster: W4ESH, Lee of Naples; WB4SPA, Brent of Marietta, Ga.; WB4YIX, Richard of Cocoa; WA4YRU, Chet of Lake Alfred; W4YSO, Nat of Winter Park.

FMTN Net Manager, Clyde, W4SDR reports Net activities for October as: Sessions 26; Stations 587; Traffic 191; Average Stations 22.6; Average Traffic 7.3.

NORTHERN FLORIDA PHONE NET

By Gene Fillingim, WA4IZM

The Northern Florida Phone Net is proud to announce this month that we had six stations to qualify for the Section Net Certificate. They are K4BDY Vern, K4ELH Herb, WA4FBI Walt, K4KXX Jerry, WB4PAV Don, and WB4UPJ Bob. As Net manager I would personally like to congratulate each of the above stations for a job well done.

As of October 27th the Net changed its time to 2330 GMT, that is 5:30 P.M. Central Time Zone or 6:30 P.M. Eastern Time Zone.

I'm proud of the check-ins for the month of October, we had 916 with 159 messages passed. The net is growing at a fast rate not only in stations but also in traffic. Keep up the good work and support your local Section Net.

FLORIDA PHONE TRAFFIC NET

By Lan Helms, W4WNY

One of the most distinctive elements of a good amateur is to participate in a traffic net.

Seldom do we find such a dedicated group that hits the deck before daylight, and moves a considerable amount of traffic before going to work!!

The month of October was a very productive period for the FPTN and each participating member deserves equal credit for this achievement. An increase of message count by 19, check-ins were up by 77, our total net time was reduced by nearly 2 hours and the average time per message was about one and one-half minutes.

Admittedly, we enjoy an advantage over most of our sister nets in Florida by having Evelyn, W4WYR, as our net manager. This wonderful lady has a profound influence over hamdom, and we are very proud of her and the interest she demonstrates in net functions.

We shall never forget to recognize those that don't always have traffic,But have an abundance of that rare ingredient called faithfulness. To these willing and devoted people, let us say, it's a wonderful feeling to know we can depend on you, especially when we need you. We are fortunate to have so many of them on the Florida Phone Traffic Net, consistantly!!!

Join with us, see and hear for yourself, but whatever you do try to participate in some net activity, on some band. It's mighty rewarding, and contrary to some beliefs, it really does prepare us to better serve our country and community in times of emergencies and disasters.

We have an outstanding schedule of nets in our state. All of them well organized, and anxious to have you check in. You will find these nets, with all necessary data concerning them, in Florida Skip, every month.

Starting in October we started two new recognition programs. First, station of the month — the station which checks in the most. Second, the top ten — the ten most active stations of the month. The stations of the month for October was a tie with WB4BSZ Rob, and WB4NHH Bill both checking in 31 times. The top ten were WB4BSZ Rob, WB4NHH Bill, W4WNY Lan, WB4TVQ Roy, W4TXM Grace, W4YYO Jim, WA4FBI Walt, K4ELH Herb, W4RKH Frank, and K4RZM Durell.

GATOR NET

By George Cooper, W4EH

Gator Net has been on 7115 kHz many years and it was with reluctance when it was decided to move Gator Net off this frequency. When the bands were changed several years ago, it placed the novice portion between 7100-7150 kHz and it was hoped this would give any novice interested in traffic an opportunity to join. However after taking everything into consideration it has been decided that for the few novices it would help there would be many more bothered with Gator Net on the novice portion of the bands. It is hoped that this will be an incentive for the novice to upgrade their license so they can join Gator Net on 7090 kHz and it is also an invitation for all CW traffic men. 1330 GMT Daily. 73, W4EH.

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By K4SCL & W4RKH

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2.	K4SCL	408	12.	W4LDM	182
3.	WA4FBI	365	13.	WB4UPJ	176
4.	WA4IJH	339	14.	W4EH	174
5.	WB4DXN	323	15.	W7EM-4	139
6.	WB4GHU	293	16.	W4WNY	98
7.	K4VND	262	17.	W4SDR	94
8.	W4WYR	245	18.	W4DVO	86
9.	WA4SCK	237	19.	WA4NBE	73
10.	WA4GBC	225	20.	W4DQS-WB4DAD	62

TRAFFIC HOUNDS

By K4SCL

Net	QNI	AVG	QTC	AVG	Sessions
QFN	745	9.5	590	12.0	62
FAST	1232	5.6	349	19.8	62
GATOR	343	9.7	303	11.1	31
FPTN	614	7.8	210	22.7	27
FMTN	587	7.3	191	22.6	26
NFPN	916	5.1	159	29.5	31
TPTN	297	1.2	33	11.0	27
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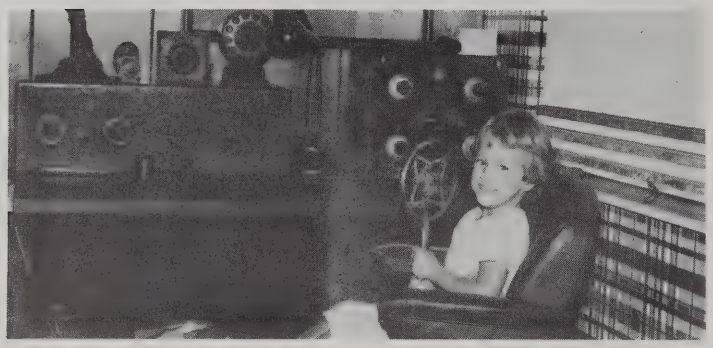

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CLUB NEWS

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16th usually at the Causeway Inn, Tampa. John Fogarty will handle all details involved in arrangements for this annual affair. His usual partner, Marvin Bostian, will not be available due to illness of his XYL. **All members are urged to contact John Fogarty regarding reservations, etc.!** Considerable discussion was involved regarding our big annual TARC participation in the Florida State Fair, Tampa. Our club station, W4DUG, is to be installed, as usual, in a booth at the fairgrounds and visitor messages-traffic will be handled. Mae Burke, W3CUL, and her OM, Al, W3VR, will arrange outlet stations throughout U.S.A. CU NEXT SKIP!

JACKSONVILLE RANGE ASSOCIATION, INC.

By Jerry Sinclair, WA4CIF

Our November meeting was at the Western Siaalin Steak House on Lem Turner Rd. The YFs were also invited and over 100 people were in attendance.

Star Jacques (YF of Doug, WA4QIM) asked the girls to attend the meetings of the QRM club. The girls plan dinner meetings, parties, call on shut-ins, and raise money for RANGE. That is why we say the QRM club is called the auxiliary of RANGE.

Installation of officers was in order for the evening. Outgoing officers were: President Doc, W4SME; Vice-President, Nick, WA4ZDP; Secretary Diane, WA4ZDQ. These fine amateurs have contributed so much to RANGE that they will never be forgotten. The incoming officers are: President John, K4OAC; Vice-President Don, WB4RCY; Secretary Dee, WB4RCT; and Charlie WA4EYU will be our Treasurer again for another year.

LETTERS

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know."

Here is a 40 year old, who has spent 20 years in commercial broadcast work, holds a FCC license, Amateur Radio ticket, Private Flying license, and can sell. After a sad experience with another ham radio publication, one thing was gained . . . awareness of the fun in working and making a living with your hobby. A past General Manager of a 50 kw radio station . . . past President of a corporation, Prestige Broadcasters, where I owned and operated my own FM broadcast plant, Advertising Manager of a monthly ham magazine, and experience in selling in the entire past 20 year work period.

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Dear Andy,

Just finished listening to current SKIP on tape. Very fine job, as usual.

I would like to correct an error made in the explanation of the significance of my new call "K4NAR". The statement was made that NAR meant "Naval Air Radio". I first copied the beautiful arc signals from NAR while I was Amateur Radio (Wireless) station with the self-assigned call "DH". This was in Brooklyn, N.Y. The year was 1908.

Obviously, the words "Naval Air Radio" had no meaning then, only a few years before 1908 the Wright Bros. did their thing at Kittyhawk, N.C. Nor has the term "Naval Air Radio" had any meaning since then.

Beginning about 1905, the U.S. Navy built about twenty shore based Wireless stations from Cape Elizabeth, Maine (NAB) to Panama (NAX) NAA was their master station at Arlington, Va.

NAR was Key West, NAW was Guantanamo, NAH the Brooklyn Navy Yard, etc.

About two weeks ago, on the QCWA Net I heard this mistake being made and I tried to correct it but nobody listened.

We are all very glad that you and SKIP will stay with us.

Harry, K4NAR.
Key West, Fla.

TWO-METER 'SPOOK PATROL' IN KEY WEST

By Steve McCallum, K4URX

Key West's two-meter mobiles roamed the city streets from 8 p.m. to midnight Hallowe'en — providing extra eyes and ears for law enforcement officers trying to keep mischief from turning into vandalism.

Mobiling under base station monitoring by K4NAR and WA4CGQ were: WA4EFB, WB4RJK, WB5DKY-4, WB4DTE, K8CQK-4, K4GYV, WA4CMF, WB4LEO, W4ZUT, W4ZCZ, K4URX, and WA4JFJ in Key West. On patrol in Big Pine was WB4MJE and on Long Key W4GVD.

Reports of questionable or suspicious spook activity were relayed by WA4CGQ to local police, sheriff's office or highway patrol. The public service activity was planned by K8CQK-4 who marked out and distributed city maps with patrol areas designated.

YLs and XYLs will enjoy special entertainment planned for the annual meeting of Key West Amateur Radio Club on December 1. This will be a Sunday-dinner affair — with eating at noon, election and entertainment following.

Four "students" in the club's novice class have passed their 5 wpm code test and are sweating out the written exam at present. Another class will start soon as eight persons indicated desire to take the course even before the fall course ended.

PCARS

By Lloyd Olson, K4WXT

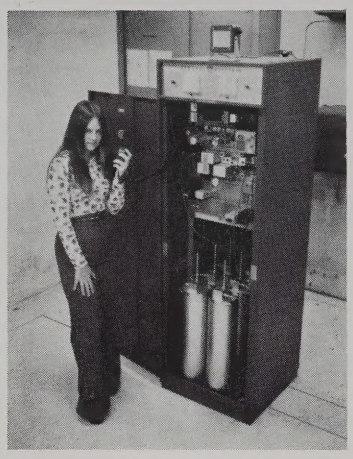
Better late than never, but better never late. Thanks to the efforts of all PCARS members and participants, the 9th annual Melbourne Hamfest was one of the best. Not only did we all have a good time, but this year we even made money! Our philosophy was to keep it simple but provide the best. We did and it worked, thanks to all. The PCARS would like to have any CONSTRUCTIVE criticism that would provide a better hamfest for 1975. Write: Hamfest, PCARS, P.O. Box 1004, Melbourne, Fla. 32901.

When in the Melbourne area work us on our new solid state repeater 25-85. We are currently operating from a temporary site, but plan to be relocated to our new permanent location in Palm Bay shortly. At 300 feet we expect better coverage than the old location, and our antennas will favor the northern direction.

Thanks to the many participating members that provided communications for the following events in the Melbourne area:

1. Maisons for America parade in September.
2. Haunted house link to Harbor City Ambulance Squad in Oct.
3. Veterans Day Parade in November.

Congratulations to Jimmy, WA4QPT, and Terry (WB4NBE, winners of the Oct. bunny hunt. NOTE: their only compeittion had faulty equipment and were hopelessly lost. This goes to show you that ANYONE can win, so y'all come on out and try.



NEW ST. PETE SPARC repeater, 147.66 in and 147.06 out. Posed for photo is Deana Cox, 16, daughter of WA4FNY and YF Betty, WA4FNX.

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JAX HAMFEST TO BE COVERED ON ATV

By Howard Kelley, K4DSN

Supporters of the Jacksonville Bold City Hamfest are putting the finishing touches on plans to broadcast the hamfest on ATV. The project plan calls for the coverage to be beamed back to the hamfest host motel to be put on the house closed circuit system.

Hamfest Chairman Doug Jacques, WA4QIM, says the idea will permit hamfesters to keep up with activities on the floor of the convention even when resting back at the motel.

Hams and their families will also have an opportunity to take advantage of helicopter rides along the beaches. Departures and arrivals will be right off the top of the Hamfest Center motel.

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FOR SALE: COLLINS KWM-2, 399C1, 312B4, 516F. All excellent with manuals $900.00. Clegg FM27B and KLM 70 watt amp, excellent $375.00. Jerry Presley, WB4TPI, 264 Velma Dr., Largo, FL 33540. Phone 813-584-7060.

FOR SALE: SWAN 350 with power supply $275.00. SWAN 2-KW linear, new finals $300.00. 4-BTV antenna $25.00. High Gain traps for 40-75 dipole. Walt Wentworth, W4PWB, 5557 - 57th Ave. No., St. Petersburg, FL 33709. Phone 813-544-7882.

FOR SALE: ROBOT SSTV model 70 monitor - SSTV model 80 camera with 22MM lens, mint condition. $450.00. R. W. Pearce, WB4VBL, 9705 S. Indian River Dr., Ft. Pierce, FL 33450. Phone 305-878-3683.

METERS: Heathkit VTVM model V-4 $16.00. Heathkit VTVM model V-7A $25.00. Eico model 221 $18.00. RCA Voltohmyst model 165 $18.00. Model 77E $25.00. Weston 982 (all battery powered) $9.00. VOM Multipurpose meters, Eico model 565 $12.00. Radio Shack meters No. 22-152 (copy of Simpson 260) $25.00. No. 22-049 $10.00. No. 22-028 $10.00. All are in good condition and have test leads. Howard J. Stark, WA4MTH, 9231 Caribbean Blvd., Miami, FL 33157. Phone 305-238-6430.

WANTED: CE200V and 6 foot equipment rack. FOR SALE: Heath 401 xmtr. and 303 rcvr. and SB650 frequency display $500.00. All in excellent working condition. Bill Favis, W0MZN, 3142 Joyce Dr., Orlando, FL 32809.

FOR SALE: YAESU FT-101 transceiver with c.w. filter, matching FV-101 VFO and SP-101P
speaker, phone patch, a complete station, mint condition, like new with all manuals and original cartons $585.00. Edward Chaya, K4JQ, 4003 South Indian River Dr., Ft. Pierce, FL 33450. Phone 305-465-1789.

FOR SALE: 2 KW linear. Pair 4-1000As grounded grid on chrome plated chassis, 350 CFM on seals, 500 CFM on steel cabinet 20 X 20 X 15 inches, power supply is 4000 v. at 1 amp. Must Sell $600.00 or offer. Free delivery in Florida. Joe Poston, K4EXT, 6636 - 11th Ave. North, St. Petersburg, FL 33710. Phone 813-343-4231.

FOR SALE: Hammarlund HQ-170, Elmac AF-67, Elmac PMR 7, Elmac a.c. power supply, TV tube caddy with 221 tubes, B&K CRT 400, B&K 1070 Dyna Sweep analyzer, 8 JP4 text pix tube, Hickock 600A tube tester, old Sams Photo Facts, Degussing coil etc. Robert Schmauss, K4KLJ, 1228 East Cass St., Tampa, FL 33602. Phone 813-229-0341.

WANTED: Original speaker LS-201 with T-201 in cabinet for national receiver model NC-100 ASD. J. E. Warren, WA4RVT, 3402 San Pedro St., Apt. 1, Tampa, FL 33609. Phone 813-831-7513.

FOR SALE: P.c. boards. Slight discoloration on some. All glass 1 oz. 4¼ X 48¼ X 3-32 $2.00. Following 1-16 inch 2 sided, 6X18 $3.00. 9X18 $3.75. 9X36 $7.00. Larger pieces sheared to size .10 per cut. 18-2 wire shielded stranded $35.00 per M. Elgar mdl 401V plug in $125.00. Elasco SV4-2A $15.00. Scientific Atlanta mdl 1560 with 1554-1 and 1555-3 $225.00. HP-400D $35.00. All plus postage or UPS. Doug Craton, 5625 Balfrey Dr., West Palm Beach, FL 33406.

WANTED: Will the gentleman who remarked to me that he had QSO'd me at several foreign DX QTHs please get in touch with me, as much to my regret, I lost contact with him at the QCWA National Convention at Orlando. Frank Borsody, K4EC, 905 - 25th Ave. West, Palmetto, FL 33561.

WANTED to buy for cash, KWM2A or KWM2, a.c. power supply and 3011, all must be round emblems. Sell for $20.00 each Bird wattmeter elements No. 50A, No. 50D, No. 25E. Martin D. Shapiro, WA3IFQ, 1138 Boxwood Rd., Jenkintown, PA 19046. Phone 215-884-6010.

FOR SALE: 20 meter beam antenna, good condition $10.00. Gamma match incl. Also 6 & 2 meter Hy-Gain beam good condition $15.00. Irv Rosen, WB4ZPJ, 2114 Biscayne Dr., Winter Park, FL 32789. Phone 305-647-8436.

FOR SALE OR TRADE: Johnson Courier amplifier 3.5 to 28.0 MHz. Also GE T-33N, 5 channel, very clean, a.c. station desk top. Don Nolde, K4QV, 1226 Archdale, Lehigh Acres, FL 33936.

FOR SALE: All electronic text equipment in like new condition. Including, RCA WO-505 scope, bar generator, transistor tester, Drake 2C receiver, lampkin 105B frequency meter with complete set of frequency charts, plus assortment of popular TV tubes and parts, plus other misc. equipment. Jack O'Connell, 87 N.E. 7th Ave., Deerfield, FL 33441. Phone 305-399-3535.

FOR SALE: Drake 2C receiver and 2CQ, Q multiplier speaker with two auxiliary crystals and manual, like new $190.00. J. E. Warren, WA4RVT, 3402 San Pedro St., Apt. 1, Tampa, FL 33609. Phone 813-831-7513.

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FOR SALE: COLLINS 51J3 (R388-URR) receiver .5 thru 30.5 MHz. with 1 Khz calibrations, a fine general coverage receiver $325.00. Jim Cunningham, K4DEE, 4807 Leprechaun Way, Orlando, FL 32808. Phone 305-299-2840.

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FOR SALE: Hammerlund HW-180C receiver, spotless, best they ever manufactured with manual, sold for $580 will sell $275.00. Firm or swap for transceiver of equal value. Sid Fox, 2271 S.W. 44 Ave., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33317. Phone 305-791-2226.

FOR SALE: Moseley "Classic 36" beam $75.00. Motorola model FMTRU-41B (D) 1C, 150 MHz, not converted $25.00. Richard Know, WB4UYD, 7220 Floral Ridge Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32211. Phone 904-744-7518.

FOR SALE: 5 inch Heath scope No. 10-18, like new $65.00. Mosley Tote Tenna cost $150.00 will sell for $75.00, like new. Bill Ross, W4MSI, 2990 Alton Dr., St. Petersburg Beach, FL. Phone 360-8501.

FOR SALE: Hustler 4-BTV vertical, brand new, still in box $42.00. Crushcraft model 147-7, 7 element beam for 2 meters, new in box $9.50. D-104C mike with G-stand, looks and sounds like new $24.00. No. 14 copperweld antenna wire 3 cents a foot. BC-221 with a.c. power supply all on 19 inch panel, no book $20.00. General Instrument converter channels 14 thru 83, TV UHF, 110 v.a.c. with antenna $10.00. Andy Clark, W4IYT, 41 Lenape Dr., Miami Springs, FL 33166. Phone 305-888-3874.

FOR SALE: Argonaut, like new, with power supply $275.00. KWM-2 Ser. No. 12446 and 516F-2 power supply $695.00. Heath KW-16, like new $125.00. TA-33 $75.00. Hallicrafters TO Keyer and Autronic paddle $70.00 and Rohn 54 foot heavy duty crank-up tower, make offer and you move. John, K4IIF, P.O. Box 205, Winter Haven, FL 33880.

TRADE: Drake TR-4 Ser. No. 27179 and RV-4 Ser. 29485, excellent condition for KWM-2 and power supply and 312B-5, late serial No. will give cash to boot. Tony Litschauer, W4JQ, 627 Ave. Alegre, West Palm Beach, FL 33405. Phone 305-833-7826.

FOR SALE: Astatic D-104C mike with stand $17.00. BC-221 freq. meter, calibration book, regulated a.c. supply in cast $45.00. Vibroplex speedkey $15.00. Heath HD-15 phone patch, manual $22.50. Heath HM-102 in line power meter, book $25.00. National NC-188 SWL, fine for novice and WWV use $45.00. MorGain 20-40 and 75 meter antenna (50 Ohm) $17.00. Frank Reiner, W4JVR, 1330 W. 54th St., Hialeah, FL 33102. Phone 305-558-4679 evenings.

FOR SALE: Automatic Electric new, telephone stepping relay, 10 positions, 2 levels. $5.00 Motorola solid state auto AM radio and speaker $12.00. Heathkit capacitive discharge ignition model CP-1060 $25.00. Delta Mark Ten B capacitive discharge ignition $30.00. F. S. McCullough, W4WWH, Rte. A2, Box 236, Dunnellon, FL 32630.

DUPLEXER FOR SALE: Six caviety copper duplexer, in operation on 16-76 at present, but will be available at a steal in several weeks. Valdosta Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 426, Valdosta, GA 31601. Phone 912-244-2045.

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FOR SALE: Collins S-388-51J3 general coverage receiver with product detector, excellent, $300.00. URM-7 19-420 MHz receiver (Tucker gets $1500) asking $600.00. APR-8B-R553 70-300 MHz panoramic receiver, excellent $75.00. Hallicrafters SX-71 general coverage receiver $75.00. Hallicrafters CRX-2A VH-F tuneable receiver, like $50.00. Heathkit SG-8 RF signal generator $15.00. Knight tube tester $15.00. Leeds and Northrup 5430A laboratory resistance bridge, excellent $75.00. Bob Grove, WA4PYQ, 6601 S.W. 56th St., Davie, FL 33314. Phone 305-791-7962.

FOR SALE: 53 foot steel tower $150.00. 2 element tri-band beam $40.00. Heath DX-100B transmitter, needs work $75.00. New Bell and Howell 5 inch scope kit $75.00. Lon Brickley, W4AFS, 201 S.W. 9th St., Pompano Beach, FL 33060. Phone 305-782-4898.

FOR SALE: Heath SB-102 $295.00 with a.c. supply and speaker (HP-23A and SB-600) $350.00. Heath Linear SB-200 $225.00. All with manuals and excellent condition. Heath d.c. supply HP-13-B $45.00. Herb Ostrom, K4OO, 845 N.E. 72nd St., Boca Raton, FL 33432. Phone 305-391-2321.

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FOR SALE: DRAKE TV-100-LP low pass filter $5.00 plus postage. WANTED: 80 or 90 feet RG8U coax, light duty TRI-EX 40 foot tower. Hank Schueler, WB4MYX, Rte. 1 Box 452A, Big Pine Key, FL 33043. Phone 305-872-2176.

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FOR SALE: Heath HW-101 transceiver with c.w. filter HP-23B power supply, speaker, excellent condition $250.00. Paul H. Durand, WB4EWQ, 2124 Deerfield Dr., Tallahassee, FL 32303. Phone 877-6048.

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FOR SALE OR TRADE: Johnson Match Box-250 with manual very clean condition. Bob Sanders, K4JMR, 580 N.W. 194th Terr., Miami, FL 33169.

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